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## Quad Cities Area Couple Sentenced for Fraud on the Social Security Administration

DAVENPORT, IA – On August 20, 2014, Robert Dale Alexander, age 45, and Maureen Louise Alexander, age 38, both of Eldridge, Iowa, were sentenced by United States District Judge James E. Gritzner on charges related to defrauding the Social Security Administration, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Robert was sentenced for his conviction for conspiracy to defraud the Social Security Administration. He was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, ordered to serve 3 years supervised release following the imprisonment, and pay \$100 towards the Crime Victims Fund. Maureen was sentenced to 5 years probation for social security fraud, and she was ordered to pay \$25 towards the Crime Victims Fund. Robert and Maureen, jointly and severally, were also ordered to repay \$25,297.62 to the United States Government and \$22,432.01 to the State of Iowa for benefits overpayments.

On December 21, 2010, Robert Alexander submitted an application for disability insurance benefits (SSD) to the Social Security Administration (SSA) in which he, among other things, falsely reported that he had not worked since 2008. In early 2012, Robert began a relationship with Maureen. For the purpose of obtaining SSD benefits for which he was not entitled, he and Maureen agreed to conceal from the SSA the fact that Robert had been working since 2008. Up through the fall of 2013 Robert and Maureen made additional material false statements including to an investigator with the SSA Office of Inspector General in September 2012 and in other SSA proceedings related to Robert obtaining SSD benefits to which he was not entitled. This case was investigated by the Social Security Administration (SSA); the SSA Office of the Inspector General; and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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